

REMARKS

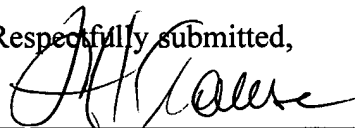
In the above-identified Office Action both of the claims of the application were rejected as being anticipated by either one of the Patterson and the Plonczak patents, whereas Claim 6 was also rejected as being obvious in view of the Plonczak patent, and Claim 5 was rejected as being obvious in view of a combination of the cited Guzik and Okita patents.

By this response, however, independent Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 6 which has now been cancelled, and to include the requirement that the head unit includes a motor and an encoder. Applicant respectfully submits that this additional requirement that the head unit which is supported on the support plate must include a motor and an encoder renders such claim patentably distinct over the prior art references. That is, Applicant submits that none of the four cited references disclose a head unit having a motor and an encoder.

For these reasons it is respectfully submitted that the sole remaining Claim 5 is allowable, wherefore the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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